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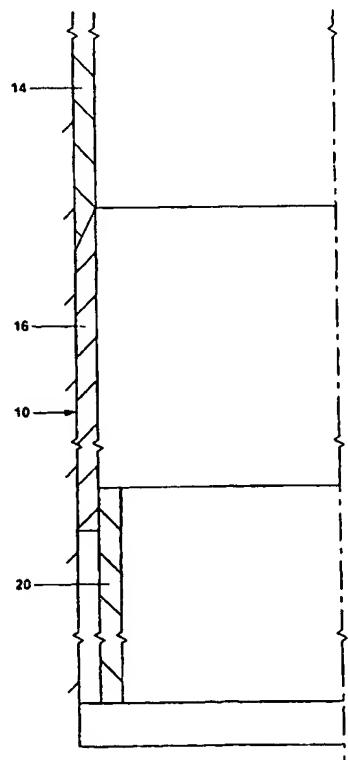
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(57) Abstract: A method of forming a wellbore casing that includes positioning a first wellbore casing (14) within and coupling to a borehole (10), positioning a second wellbore casing (16) within the borehole that overlaps with and is coupled to the first wellbore casing (14), positioning a tubular liner (18) within the borehole that overlaps with and is coupled to at least a portion of the second wellbore casing (16), extending the length of the borehole (10), decoupling the liner (18) from the second casing (16) and removing the liner from the borehole, and positioning a third wellbore casing (20) within the borehole that overlaps with and is coupled to the second wellbore casing (16).



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21. A method of forming a wellbore casing within a borehole that traverses a subterranean formation, comprising:

positioning a tubular liner within the borehole;
extending the length of the borehole;
removing the tubular liner from the borehole;
positioning a wellbore casing within the borehole; and
coupling the wellbore casing to the borehole.

22. A method of forming a wellbore casing within a borehole that traverses a subterranean formation, comprising:

positioning a first wellbore casing within and coupling the first wellbore casing to the borehole;
positioning a tubular liner within the borehole that overlaps with and is coupled to at least a portion of the first wellbore casing;
extending the length of the borehole;
decoupling the tubular liner from the first wellbore casing and removing the tubular liner from the borehole; and
positioning a second wellbore casing within the borehole that overlaps with and is coupled to the first wellbore casing.

23. A system for forming a wellbore casing within a borehole that traverses a subterranean formation, comprising:

means for positioning a tubular liner within the borehole;
means for extending the length of the borehole;
means for removing the tubular liner from the borehole;
means for positioning a wellbore casing within the borehole; and
means for coupling the wellbore casing to the borehole.

24. A system for forming a wellbore casing within a borehole that traverses a subterranean formation, comprising:

means for positioning a first wellbore casing within and coupling the first wellbore casing to the borehole;
means for positioning a tubular liner within the borehole that overlaps with and is coupled to at least a portion of the first wellbore casing;
means for extending the length of the borehole;

means for decoupling the tubular liner from the first wellbore casing and removing the tubular liner from the borehole; and
means for positioning a second wellbore casing within the borehole that overlaps with and is coupled to the first wellbore casing.

25. A method of forming a wellbore casing within a borehole that traverses a subterranean formation, comprising:

positioning a first wellbore casing within and coupling the first wellbore casing to the borehole;
positioning a second wellbore casing within the borehole that overlaps with and is coupled to the first wellbore casing;
preventing the second wellbore casing from collapsing;
extending the length of the borehole; and
positioning a third wellbore casing within the borehole that overlaps with and is coupled to the second wellbore casing.

26. A method of forming a wellbore casing within a borehole that traverses a subterranean formation, comprising:

preventing the borehole from collapsing;
extending the length of the borehole;
positioning a wellbore casing within the borehole; and
coupling the wellbore casing to the borehole.

27. A method of forming a wellbore casing within a borehole that traverses a subterranean formation, comprising:

positioning a first wellbore casing within and coupling the first wellbore casing to the borehole;
preventing the first wellbore casing from collapsing;
extending the length of the borehole; and
positioning a second wellbore casing within the borehole that overlaps with and is coupled to the first wellbore casing.

28. A system for forming a wellbore casing within a borehole that traverses a subterranean formation, comprising:

means for positioning a first wellbore casing within and coupling the first wellbore casing to the borehole;

means for positioning a second wellbore casing within the borehole that overlaps with and is coupled to the first wellbore casing;

means for preventing the second wellbore casing from collapsing;

means for extending the length of the borehole; and

means for positioning a third wellbore casing within the borehole that overlaps with and is coupled to the second wellbore casing.

29. A system for forming a wellbore casing within a borehole that traverses a subterranean formation, comprising:

means for preventing the borehole from collapsing;

means for extending the length of the borehole;

means for positioning a wellbore casing within the borehole; and

means for coupling the wellbore casing to the borehole.

30. A system for forming a wellbore casing within a borehole that traverses a subterranean formation, comprising:

means for positioning a first wellbore casing within and coupling the first wellbore casing to the borehole;

means for preventing the first wellbore casing from collapsing;

means for extending the length of the borehole; and

means for positioning a second wellbore casing within the borehole that overlaps with and is coupled to the first wellbore casing.